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United Tribes meet in Lansing



The United Tribes of Michigan met in Lansing this month with a full agenda covering a wide range of topics that affect the 12 Native Sovereign Nations of the state. See pages 4 and 5 for a review of the issues and pictures of attendees. Representing Little River were the Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli, Council Members Candace Chapman and Virgil Johnson and several staff members.

Spring membership meeting

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Encode your Card!

The Enrollment Department and Tax Department have announced that you must have your Tribal ID card encoded so that you can continue to receive your discount at the Trading Post on motor fuel, tobacco and cigarette purchases. Please stop by the Enrollment Department (at the Old Community Center on US 31 in Manistee) and they will update your card for you beginning March 8th, 2010. Enrollment will also be set up at the Spring Membership Meeting to update ID cards. If you don't encode your card, you will not be able to receive the Tribal Member discount at the Gas Station!

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Office Shuffle in the Government

As part of the on-going effort to improve the way that services are made available for our Tribal Members as well as the effort to streamline the function of the tribal government, a number of offices are going to be moved within the buildings in Manistee. The moves include:

- The Election Board will move to an office in the old Community Center at 1726 US 31 (next to the Administration Building)
- The Commerce Department will now be located in the former Muschigon Construction offices at 294 River Street
- Muschigon Construction will now be in the offices on the north side of the building at 294 River Street
- The Human Resources Department will soon be located on the first floor of the Bank Building
- Be Da Bin will be moving to the Administration Building at 1762 US 31 (out by McDonalds)
- The Grants Department will remain in the Bank Building
- The Education Department will move to the old Community Center building

The moves will allow for expansion of service at the Tribal Health Clinic; provide more space for some offices and services that really need it and it will provide for improved confidentiality to protect members and employees alike. Please watch the Currents, Rapid River News, our website and the Public Affairs and Members Assistance booths at the Spring Membership meeting for details, new phone numbers and specific locations.

Positive Indian Parenting

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Goals, Session Topics, & Mission Statement



Aanii, February was another busy month; it seemed to come and go before I knew it. The month ended on a sad note; Chairperson of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of

Potawatomi, Laura Spurr walked on February 19th, shortly after giving a speech in California to another tribe. She will be greatly missed. I attended a memorial service for her on February 27th in Athens Michigan which was attended by approximately 450 persons. Just a reminder, our Spring Membership meeting is coming up on April 10th at the Little River Casino Resort. The Ogema's Meet and Greet will be held on Friday evening as usual,

however, it will only be from 6-7PM. We are allowing time from 7-8PM for discussion on the New Board of Directors Ordinance. The Council and Board of Directors are being invited. At this point we do have two openings on the Board of Directors, but do have applications for appointments.

The month of February started with the trip to the Department of Interior in Washington DC on February 2nd which I reported on in my last article. On February 6th, I attended the Elder's Meeting at the new Community Center and on the 20th, I attended the Election Board Meeting at our Muskegon offices. The meeting was very informative and covered the newly proposed Election Ordinance.

On February 24th, the United Tribes of Michigan held their annual reception at the Raddison Hotel in Lansing. The reception was well attended. On Thursday, the United Tribes of Michigan Meeting was held at Clark Construction offices in Lansing. Along with me, Tribal Council members and

staff also attended; Candace Chapman, Virgil Johnson, Glenn Zaring, Robert Memberto and Dan Green. A wide variety of topics were covered which included, off-shore wind turbines, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Asian carp in the Great Lakes, coal-fired power plants and gaming issues just to name a few.

On February 26th I also attended meeting with the County of Muskegon and the Village of Fruitport on our Muskegon project with Chief Legal Counsel, Dan Green; Director of Commerce, Robert Memberto and Council Speaker, Steve Parsons. The meeting was very positive as we continue to work towards a Mutual Services Agreement. Later in the day I met with the General Manager of the Lakes Mall in Muskegon as we continue to work together towards our Muskegon casino project. Until next month...

Spring membership meeting

April 10th, 2010 is the Spring Membership Meeting for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The meeting will start off with the Ogema's Meet & Greet on the evening of Friday the 9th in the Three Fires Conference Center Bodweadamiinh Room from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Following the Meet & Greet, the Ogema, Tribal Council and the Board of Directors of the Casino Resort will continue this forum from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. holding an open discussion about the new Board of Directors Ordinance. This discussion period was agreed upon as a result of numerous tribal citizen interests in the ordinance.

The following day, Saturday, starts off with display booths from various tribal departments and programs along with more of the popular workshops. Booths will open at 9 a.m. to noon and workshops will be going from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45am. Highlights from two of the workshops are the Seven Grand Fathers Teachings by (Jonnie "Jay" Sam) and the upcoming summer Indian Village Camp for At Risk Youth (Austen Brauker). Two other workshops are also scheduled during the morning event and will be presented by the Human Resources Department and Natural Resources Department. The Membership Meeting and Workshop Agenda will be mailed to each head of household to ensure our citizens are well informed on the activities.

The actual membership meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with opening greetings by the Ogema, Flag Ceremony by the Warrior Society and Welcome song by guest drummers. Lunch will

be served in the Makwaa Endaat and the membership meeting itself will be called to order following lunch.

The Enrollment Department will be available Friday the 9th for processing of Tribal I.D.'s. They will have their Enrollment booth open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for processing new tribal identification cards. Along with this service, they will be encoding your Tribal ID so you will continue to receive discounts at the Trading Post (Convenience Store). In order to receive this service your tribal I.D. should have the coding strip on the back, if this is not on your card you will have to request a new tribal I.D. for encoding processing. Registration for the Membership Meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and the service of encoding the I.D. will be available during registration as well.

If you are interested in serving on any of the following commissions or boards, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.

Commerce Commission, Gaming Commission, Housing Commission, Binojeeuk Commission, Enrollment Commission, Health Commission, Natural Resource Commission, Board of Directors for Muskegon Construction, or the Board of Directors for Little River Casino Resort.

Letters of interest will be kept on file for one year

Workshop Topics

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Seven Grandfather Teachings
Who should attend: Everyone

We need the teaching of the Grandmothers and Grandfathers to give us direction and balance. Join Jay Sam as he presents:

Teachings of the Seven Grandfathers -Dominic Eshkakgan

We have to take care of the earth or we will not have a home. We all share in this responsibility. The key work here is "responsibility". We need to make sure that the earth and everything the Creator put on the earth will always be here for future generations. Each morning let us remember to greet our Grandmothers and Grandfathers, whose spirits are in the many glories that surround us. They taught us, as they have been taught by their Elders, how to take care of the earth.

Peacemaking-

INDIAN VILLAGE CAMP: A New Grant Program for At-Risk Youth

Who should attend: Volunteers to be adult staff members, trainers, cultural consultants and advisors.

This workshop will discuss Indian Village Camp program for the intervention of at risk youth. In an attempt to get them back on the right track and to help them make better decisions in their lives by providing:

- 1) Positive leadership/Role Models
- 2) A wilderness therapy based program structure and
- 3) All of these skills will be presented from a Native American cultural perspective.

The camp will be four days long and take place four times a year.

Recorder's Report to Membership for February 2010:

The Tribal Council conducted its normal meeting schedule for the month of February. As reported last publication, the Little River Casino and Resort FY 2010 Annual Operating Plan and Budget were submitted, but not fully authorized by a full and final approval by the Tribal Council. As of this report, the Council, Ogema, and current Board of Directors will be meeting with the General Manager, to resolve all other issues, during the month of March. A new process is being instituted by the General Manager to provide for quarterly reviews of plan, with modifications based on the financial performance of the Casino. This is a new process, and will enable the Recorder to provide a quarterly overview of performance against plan in the next Recorder's report.

The Tribal Council did not reach its goal of enacting the revisions to the Board of Director's Ordinance by the end of February. However, the new legislation, which is expected to be titled *Gaming Enterprise(s) Board of Directors Ordinance* was finalized, and did include modifications that result in a new board comprised of 5 members. The members of this board will have three members serving who are not elected officials, in response to concerns that there were too many Council members proposed by the original version posted for public comment. As of this publication, the Ogema will be granted discretion regarding his serving on this board, in response to the Ogema's position that he should not be a voting member of the Board. In the event that the Ogema is willing to serve on the Board, he will also act as Chairman of the Board. There were other changes proposed as a result of the public input, and the Tribal Council did take into consideration the comments of Ogema Romanelli. It remains the position of Tribal Council that changes to the structure of the Casino are necessary to ensure proper oversight of gaming activity, including continued compliance with Tribal and Federal Gaming laws and mandates.

The Council routinely receives Operations Reports from the Government, as filed by the Ogema. Highlights from the most recent report submitted for January of 2010 included the following information (note that this is a **brief** synopsis, and does not include information from every department or their full report):



Operations reports are submitted by the Ogema to the Tribal Council on a Monthly basis. The full reports for each department are on file within the Tribal Council office, as well as being available to view on the Tribal Council's website. Space constraints prevent me from providing information on each department's activities or reports, however, the activities of all departments are important to the Tribe.

In the next month's submission, the activity report will include updated financial graphs based on the first quarter's financial information, as well as an overview of the Little River Casino Resort Annual Plan and First quarter numbers. The Tribal Council met to discuss legislative priorities as well during the month of February. The Tribal Council identified four issues that will be the priority focus of new or amended legislation:

- The Gaming Enterprises Board Ordinance (which is nearly completed)
- The Sex Offenders Notification and Registration Ordinance
- Amending the Gaming Ordinance to change Licensure requirements
- Address potential Constitutional amendments during 2010.

These matters will be the primary focus of the Council, to address issues to protect the welfare of the Tribe and its citizens. Other priorities will be updated in future reports as the Council completes new or amended legislation and moves on to other priorities. Currently, the Tribal Council has identified approximately 27 other matters that require additional or new legislation. Please continue to watch for postings of new ordinances or amendments, as each legislative enactment requires a 30 day public comment period.

Finance Department:

Audit field work for the FY 2009 annual audit is scheduled for April 26-May 7, 2010. Incurred Claims analysis was provided from 2001 through 2009, providing statistical information for insurance claims resulting from such things as employment litigation, errors & omissions, or automobile information.

Commerce Department:

Staff worked with Census Bureau to assist tribal members in obtaining temporary positions
2 Market rental units were leased and are currently rented
1 Small Business Loan application was submitted

Little River Trading Post (Gas Station):

The Trading post sold a total of 57,825.906 gallons of fuel, totaling \$154,542.66

Education:

There were **29** Higher Education scholarships processed in January. Total awards were \$72,975.23 providing assistance to 14 university students and 15 community college students.

Enrollment:

During the month of January, 26 new applications were mailed to persons seeking enrollment.
4 members passed away resulting in Burial Fund access
Tribal Membership total for January was 3,993

Utilities (water & sewer):

The daily average of treated waste is 94,250 Gallons per day.
Septic Sewage was at peak flow on 1/21/10 of 3,400 gallons.

Family Services:

Reported serving a total of 104 Citizens in the Muskegon Office Location.
The Department recommended that Enrollment be available in Muskegon at least bi-annually.
There were a total of 13 intakes done for clients between the Manistee and Muskegon offices.
Department staff is currently managing 21 open child welfare cases.
The Department is also focusing on Elder health and safety issues.

Health Services:

There was a total of \$78,453.77 claims paid in contract health for the month of January.
There are a total of 709 registered participants in the EHAP program, which is the tribally funded health program that uses Casino dollars to pay for health care to members residing outside the 9 county service area.
There were 164 patients treated in the clinic, with over 1600 calls tracked to clinic staff.
Be-Da-Bin has a current active client caseload of 34. Be-Da-Bin continues to provide referrals as well as providing individual sessions for clients with staff. There were a total of 29 sessions for the month of January.

Housing:

The Tribe received \$2 million in grant funds, which will be used to build another 11 homes during the year of 2010. These homes will be constructed at Aki Maadiziwin, located on the Reservation.

Members Legal Assistance:

The Department provided new service/issue consultation to 96 citizens for the month of January.

Members Assistance Department:

Low Income Energy processed 21 applications providing \$4,934.74 to assist families, as well as 11 applications for crisis assistance totaling \$3,640.30 in assistance.
There were 2 low income energy assistance grants provided to citizens residing outside the state of Michigan.
The food assistance program provided \$9,900.00 of assistance to eligible families, with 33 applications processed to date.



The United Tribes of Michigan gathered for their first regularly scheduled meeting of 2010 on February 25th in the state capitol of Lansing, MI. Starting with a Legislative Reception the evening before at the Radisson Hotel Downtown, the various tribal representatives discussed a wide range of events and issues affecting their tribal communities.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli officiated as the duly elected President of the United Tribes for this year. He was accompanied to the meeting by Tribal Council members, Candace Chapman and Virgil Johnson. From the Executive Branch, Chief Legal Counsel Dan Green, Commerce Director Robert Memberto and Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring were also in attendance.

The meeting started on a solemn note as everyone shared a moment of silence for Chairperson Laura Spurr of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians who had passed away a week before the meeting. Spurr had been elected Vice President of the United Tribes at the meeting in Battle Creek last fall.

Clark Construction of Lansing opened their Learning Center for the United Tribes meeting and provided a very nice buffet luncheon for the assembled tribal representatives.

The United Tribes had a very full agenda to consider at this all day session including:

- The first presentation was on the status of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Mike McCoy, Melissa Claramunt and Chairman Matt Wesaw reviewed challenges to the tuition waiver and strategies for ensuring that the program remains in place during these times of economic challenge on the part of the state. They consider the program to be in jeopardy and asked the United Tribes to be especially vigilant to challenges against the Indian Tuition Waiver.
- United Tribal Executive Director Frank Ettawageshik; John Wernet from the Governors' office and LRBOI's TEPC head, Glenn Zaring made a presentation on the proposed inter-tribal agreement for emergency management. This group hopes to have a proposal ready for consideration by the United Tribes shortly. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community President Warren "Chris" Swartz was concerned that such an agreement could impact sovereignty of tribal nations. This will be addressed but is not expected to be an issue as the agreement will only be between tribal nations.
- NCAI Midwest Area VP (and Tribal Chair) Matt Wesaw gave an update on the NCAI and the strong position of the United Tribes of Michigan as representing 12 of the total 37 member tribal organization. He asked for input from tribal leaders on issues of concern to take to NCAI.
- There were two Gaming issues brought to the United Tribal meeting:
 - Little Traverse Bay Band Vice Chair Dexter McNamara presented an idea for the tribes to consider a 'tribal lottery' as a further means of enhancing revenue for the tribes.
 - James Nye, Gun Lake Band Public Relations head, updated attendees with news of two proposals for the expansion of non-tribal gaming in Michigan. One proposal would be for 8 additional casinos including 5 at race tracks. Another proposal would call for 7 new casinos. The deadline for petitions is July 5th and 380,000 signatures would be required.
- A candidate forum was discussed for the upcoming state election. Ogema Romanelli, Chairman Matt Wesaw and LRBOI's Glenn Zaring proposed creating a short list of questions for candidates for the governor's seat and others this fall. The idea would be to develop a list of 5-6 specific questions of tribal concern and give it to the candidates. Their responses would be shared with tribal members from the United Tribes. It was also discussed that we could possibly stage a candidate forum and live-stream it via the internet to tribal members. Possible questions and methods of passing on candidates' response will be explored prior to the next United Tribes meeting.

KBIC President Warren "Chris" Swartz gave an impassioned presentation about their fight against development of sacred lands at Eagle Rock. Kennecott Mining is trying to open a copper mine at Eagle Rock and the tribes are contesting the development. Swartz asked the assembled tribal leadership to consider supporting them in their fight. One aspect of the dispute is that the State of Michigan does not recognize natural locations such as Eagle Rock to be religious or spiritual sites that ordinarily receive federal protection. Swartz pointed out that just because, "...we have not built a building with a steeple on the site does not mean it is any the less sacred to our native peoples." (*paraphrased comments*). In 2004, the United Tribes of Michigan had adopted a resolution opposing the "Yellow Dog Mine" development at Eagle River.

The meeting adjourned on time and Ogema Romanelli thanked everyone for their participation.





Jamie Scripps GLOW

Jamie Scripps from Great Lakes Offshore Wind Council (GLOW) gave a presentation on the idea of establishing 'Wind Farms' in Lake Michigan. The Council says that the state is not prepared for these farms and does not have sufficient licensing or regulations in place to handle them. Part of the discussion was the need to have the tribal nations at the table at the beginning of this discussion and not just after the fact due to our treaty status, our duty to protect the natural resources, our responsibility to protect our fishing (commercial and subsistence) and above all, our tribal sovereignty.



B. Sorenson TASCET

Brenda Sorenson from TASCET, Inc. gave a presentation on the REAL ID and the issue of 'acceptable' Tribal ID cards. The REAL ID act of 2005 and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative have said that only birth certificates and passports are acceptable forms of ID to obtain a REAL ID card embedded with a RFI chip containing identification information.

Implementation of these requirements has been extended but will be an issue in the future. Many tribal representatives expressed concern over sovereignty issues; privacy issues and the costs of providing these cards.

The discussion continues at the highest levels.



Godfrey & Kahn

Brian Pierson and Duncan Moss from the Godfrey & Kahn law firm presented an update on several issues including some with the EPA and a review of the Crandon Mine issue. Godfrey & Kahn also were applauded as new sponsors of the United Tribes of Michigan.



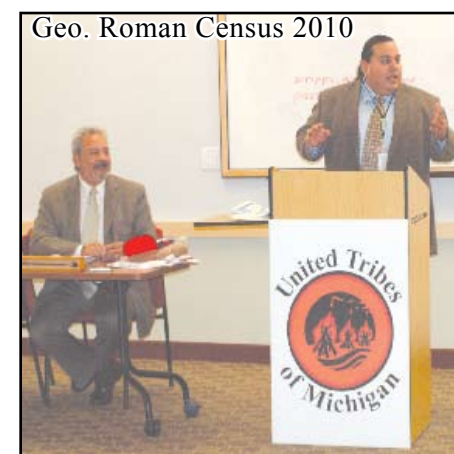
Virgil Bernero - Lansing Mayor

Lansing Mayor Virgil Bernero welcomed the tribal leaders and spoke of his city and his recently announced candidacy for the Democratic Gubernatorial Primary. He reviewed his activity and support for tribal leaders and issues in the past as well as discussed some of his approaches to addressing current state challenges.



Rep Meekhof and T Mulvill AT&T

State Representative Arian Meekhof (Lansing) and Terry Mulvihill from AT&T gave a presentation on the Asian Carp concerns for the Great Lakes. Not only tribes with commercial fishing operations are impacted by the Asian Carp. All tribes and residents are concerned. Meekhof alluded to problems with the City of Chicago governments' unwillingness to take the issue seriously. He also pointed out that there is a federal 'agency' shuffle going on right now and the issue needs to be given to one agency to actually take control and fix the problem.



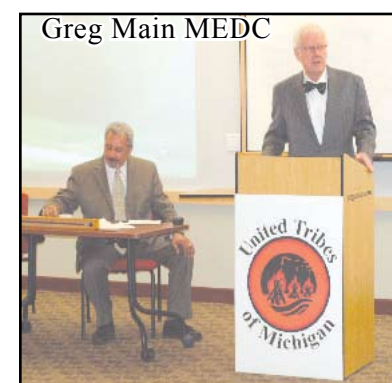
Geo. Roman Census 2010

George Roman, area head of the 2010 Census *Indian Country Counts* and three of his assistants, including LRBOI member Carol Gibner, gave a presentation on the census to the tribes and pointed out the importance of participation by our tribal communities. They also had a table with information and materials set up outside the meeting room at Clark Construction.



Robin Clark Environ Spec ITC

Robin Clark (daughter of the Sault Tribes' Mike McCoy) gave a presentation on behalf of the Intertribal Council of Michigan in regard to the effect of the coal-fired power plants in the state with a special review of the impact on Climate, Health and Resources of the state. As part of a grant she has prepared impact studies showing the amount of hydrocarbons and other matter that affect tribal reservations and populations. Robin is a strong supporter of responsible alternative energy development.

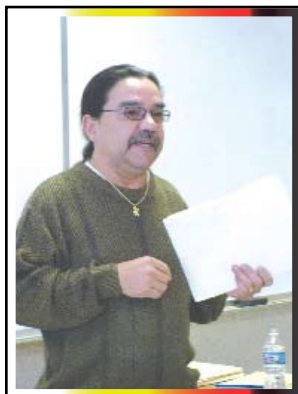


Greg Main MEDC

Anishinaabemowin Classes at MHS

by Victoria Parker

"Without the Language, the Heart of the People, a Nation Vanishes..." ~Zoey Solman
"You have a very strong message and we need to hear it." ~Bob Olsen



The enthusiasm of the students in Kenny Pheasant's Anishinaabemowin class at Manistee High School was contagious as they spoke. Their eyes were bright and their words full of respect for not only their instructor, but also for the language they are learning.

Sunflower Wilson, a senior at MHS and the oldest student in the class, happily expressed her views about the course. "I really like it," she said. "(The class) is important to the survival of the language."

According to Pheasant, Language Coordinator for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the twelve students enrolled in his language class at the local high school are the first students to ever receive Anishinaabemowin instruction at MHS. The class, which meets daily during the school's fifth hour session, is the first time MHS has ever offered a credited course in the native language. The students range from freshmen to seniors and come from varied heritages and backgrounds. Thomas Sutton, a freshman and the youngest student in the class, is following a family tradition. "My Grandpa used it (Anishinaabemowin)," Sutton said. And Jacob Berentsen, a sophomore, said he chose the class for two reasons. "It is different," Berentsen explained, "and my family is Anishinaabe. My great grandpa...it was all he knew."

Although the class at MHS is new, Pheasant's presence in the school system is not. Describing his first meeting with Bob Olsen, much loved MAPS Superintendent who recently passed away, Pheasant got misty-eyed. Ten years ago, as Pheasant gave an interactive presentation for three local elementary schools, he noticed "a great big tall man" watching him. "I offered him my camera and asked if he would take pictures," Pheasant recounted. The man accepted and, after the speech, approached Pheasant. Olsen, who was then Principal of Kennedy School, looked Pheasant in the eye. "I want you to teach in my school," the tall man said. "You have a very strong message and we need to hear it."

That first fortunate encounter developed into what Pheasant describes as a "very structured program" with fifth grade students. "The teachers and students love it," Pheasant said, as he explained that he also instructs sixth grade students. Last year, Ogema Romanelli contacted Pheasant and LRBOI Historical Preservation Director, Jay Sam, about bringing Anishinaabemowin into Michigan college syllabi. A large meeting was held, with Olsen and West Shore Community College included, to discuss options. WSCC agreed to

offer the class, Pheasant agreed to construct the curriculum, and MHS agreed to host the course on its campus. Students who successfully complete the program receive college credits.

Sam, who recently taught Anishinaabek history and culture at Casman Academy, cited Olsen's appreciation of the importance of local history and cultural sensitivity. Sam realizes that language and culture are intertwined and can produce "a whole different mindset." He explained that, in Anishinaabemowin, the word for 'teaching' is AkiNoMaage, which translates as 'information gained from the Earth' and that the native language is artistic in its application. He believes that people are motivated to learn the language when they hear it spoken and is thankful that the tribal government puts value upon learning Anishinaabemowin. By



using the language, Sam said, "It reinforces that this is a tribe."

Terri Raczkowski, Administrative Assistant for LRBOI, has been learning Anishinaabemowin for ten years. She received a letter that was sent to all tribal members and attended the first class, taught by Pheasant.

Pheasant remembers meeting Raczkowski at that class. "She walked in and said, 'I want to learn my language. I want to work for my tribe.' And she's done both!" Raczkowski has only missed two classes in a decade.

While others might deem Raczkowski adept in the language, she explained her knowledge this way: "I will never consider myself fluent because there is always something to learn." Raczkowski's favorite part of Anishinaabemowin is the sound when others speak. "There is a flow that makes you feel connected...it draws pictures in your head." She is teaching her grandchildren the language and also assists Pheasant with the MHS class. She shares Pheasant and Sam's passion for keeping the language alive. "I wish we could get more people interested," Raczkowski said.

Pheasant leads the MHS Anishinaabemowin class in an interactive mode. "I'm not your typical language teacher," he smiled. The students hear the words before they ever see them in print. He uses props and visuals and conducts the class in a one-on-one manner. Raczkowski is readily available to help, moving through the rows of desks and standing kindly at a student's side. Patrick Wilson, junior at MHS, enjoys this style of teaching. "We go over and over (the words), applying them in different ways." Referring to the spoken-word approach, Jackie Adamczak, a senior, said, "I 'get it' better than other languages I've tried." Liz Barker, also a senior, said, "My favorite part is how Kenny teaches, it is not confusing." Dalton Thompson, ninth-grader, mentioned Pheasant's "bag-o-props" that help him visualize what he is learning.

For Talitha Loura, sophomore, the high school

class is an extension of the instruction she had from Pheasant in fifth grade. The previous experience "motivated me to take this class," Loura stated. Shawndra Dahlgren also had Anishinaabemowin in elementary school. "I get to learn a new language and get college credit," Dahlgren said. Like many of Pheasant's students, both Loura and Dahlgren use the language with their families when they are at home. In fact, Anishinaabemowin spills out of the MHS classroom and can even be heard in the halls of the building. Faculty and students greet Pheasant and Raczkowski in the native language as they walk the halls. The beautiful words ring out over the jostling of books and papers, over the shuffling of feet and English banter. "Aanii, Mr. Pheasant," a student calls. Pheasant returns the greeting. "Aanii, Alicia," he smiles.

Pheasant maintains a website, <http://www.anishinaabemdaa.com>, for learning Anishinaabemowin and aspects of Anishinaabe culture. According to Pheasant, the website "gets over 2,000 unique visitors per week." He assigns homework for his MHS students to ten minutes a day at the website. He also has produced two CD-ROMs that are available through the Historical Preservation Department. In the summer, the department hosts an Anishinaabemowin camp that Pheasant describes as "a celebration of what our language and culture brings to us."

On Tuesday evenings, Pheasant offers an Anishinaabemowin class that is "open for anyone." He says, "I've had non-Indian people come into class and learn the language." The classes are held at the Historical Preservation offices for the young, elders and entire families.

The Anishinaabemowin class at Manistee High School is an extension of Pheasant's love of his native language and culture. He believes in sharing the language with all. "Learning Anishinaabemowin is learning the culture," Pheasant explains. "You cannot separate culture from language. The culture is held within the language." Working with the local high school is something he never thought would happen and Pheasant happily says, "It has become a community effort. The Ogema, the parents of the students, everyone has been involved." He wishes Bob Olsen could have lived to share the culmination of the combined efforts in bringing Anishinaabemowin to the higher level schools. "I really wanted him to be able to greet the high school class," Pheasant said. Nonetheless, Olsen did know that the class was going to be held and Pheasant is happy about that.

Kenny Pheasant's passion is contagious. From informally teaching Anishinaabemowin to customers as he worked his first job as a meat cutter, Pheasant has truly embraced his calling by continuing to instruct others in his native tongue. His students reflect his enthusiasm and their own words give tribute to the effect that Pheasant and Raczkowski's teachings and the language itself has had on them. Andre Neebnagezhick, freshmen student, said, "(The class) is awesome and really.

Anyone interested in the WSCC class held at MHS can contact the high school at 723-2547 or the LRBOI Historical Preservation Department at 723-8288. For information regarding the CD-ROMs or the Tuesday Anishinaabemowin classes, contact Terri Raczkowski at 398-6891. For information regarding the Anishinaabemowin camp, contact the Historical Preservation Department.

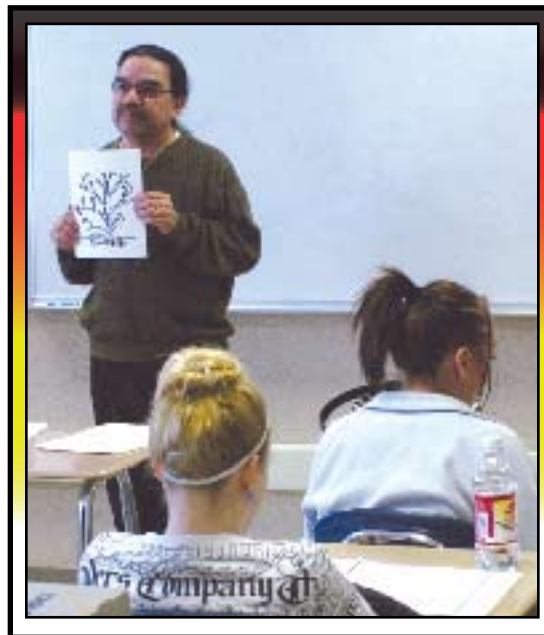
fun. Kenny is ridiculously patient."

Wyatt Szpliet, another ninth grader, summed it up. "Kenny makes the class come alive. He is the best teacher I've ever had...ever."

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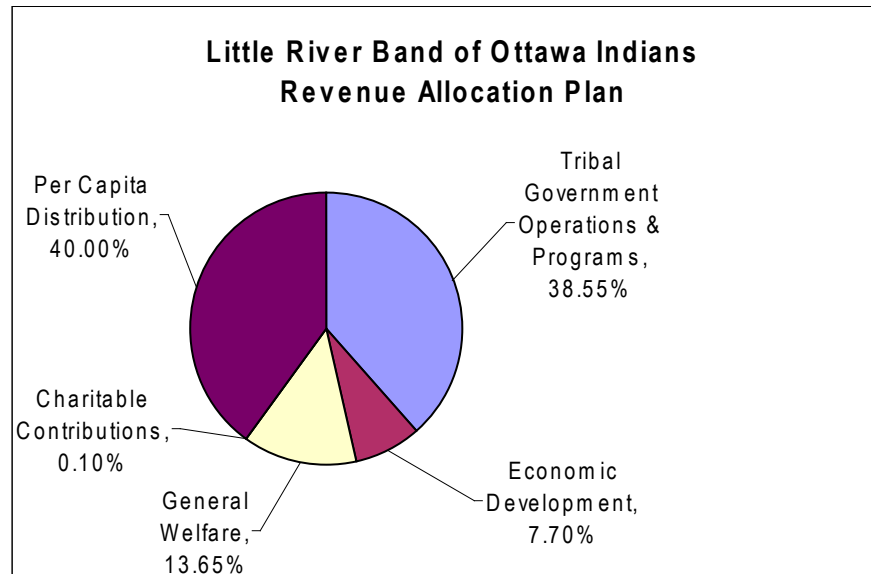
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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan & Per Capita Question and Answers

The chart below illustrates the allocation percentages designated for each category per the Revenue Allocation Plan.



Per the LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN – Approved by Tribal Council Resolution 08-0123-20

Section 2. Purpose

2.02. The RAP shall allocate revenues generated by the Tribe's gaming enterprises towards the following purposes; the funding of tribal government operations and programs, providing for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members, the promotion of the Tribe's economic development, donations to charitable organizations and per-capita distributions to tribal members.

This document will be reviewed and updated as necessary. It is recommended that you review the tribe's website often for additions to the Q & A information.

Question and Answer – Per Capita Payments

Brought to you by:

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Enrollment Department
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
1-888-723-8288**

1. Q. Who is the contact for questions about the Per Capita payments?

A. The Enrollment Department will assist you with questions or direct you to the Department or agency who can better answer your questions. Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288.

2. Q. How will the tribe know where to mail the check or Direct Deposit vouchers.

A. The checks and Direct Deposit vouchers are mailed to the last known address on file with the Enrollment Department. If you plan to move or have moved, contact the Enrollment Department for a Change of Address Form.

3. Q. What if I have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment?

A. If you have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment you must contact the Enrollment Department for an Address Correction Form. All Address Changes need to be submitted (15) Fifteen Days before the payment date. If you have not updated your information, this could result in a delay in receiving a payment. Returned UNDELIVERABLE mail is reported to the Enrollment Department. In the event a check or Direct Deposit voucher is returned, mailings will stop until the Tribal Member turns in an updated Address Form to the Enrollment Department.

4. Q. What if I do not receive the check in the mail or it is lost?

A. Contact the Enrollment Department to assist you.

5. Q. Are Per Capita Payments Taxable?

A. Yes, The tribe is obligated to notify you that Per Capita payments are subject to federal taxation. Per Capita is taxable income and the taxes assessed depend on your income bracket and location. The Tribe will automatically deduct applicable taxes from the per capita payments if they meet the Internal Revenue Service's threshold that would require the withholding. The payments may also be subject to state tax if you do not live in the tax agreement area.



All Per Capita payments will be reported on the appropriate tax form and mailed to you by Jan. 31st. We encourage you to contact a tax preparer for further tax questions.

6. Q. Who is eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. Per the *Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (ii)* be enrolled in the Tribe no later than the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, to be eligible to receive per capita distribution in the fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a qualified tribal member would need to have been enrolled with the tribe by no later than the last day of fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.

Fiscal Quarters
(1) January thru March
(2) April thru June
(3) July thru September
(4) October thru December

7. Q. What are the age groups for Per Capita Payments?

A. Tribal Members who are eligible consist of two groups 18 to 54 and Elders 55 and up.

Use the chart below to determine eligibility for each quarterly payment.

Payment Date	Date that you have to be either 18 or 55
December 15 th	September 30 th
April 1 st	December 31 st
July 1 st	March 31 st
October 1 st	June 30 th

8. Q. Are minor Tribal Members eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?

A. No- Tribal members under the age of 18 shall not be eligible to receive per capita distributions.

9. Q. What will the tribe do with Per Capita payments that are not claimed?

A. See *Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8 (b) Use of Net Gaming Revenues: Individual Per Capita Distributions-* Any net gaming revenues allocated for the purpose of funding per capita distributions that have not been expended on the last date of the fiscal year shall be reallocated to tribal investments.

10. Q. How are Per Capita payments disbursed by age group? Amounts illustrated below are an EXAMPLE and should not be misinterpreted as the amount that will be disbursed. Amounts will vary depending on net gaming revenues generated.

A. Payment amounts are determined by a point system. Adults age 18 to 54 receive 1 point and Elders Age 55 and older receive 2 points. **Example:** Using the chart below the calculation for Elders is the point schedule multiplied by the number of Elders ($2 \times 715=1430$). From this number the Allocation Percentage is calculated by using the points divided by the total of both groups points ($1430 / 3929 = .3639603$ OR **36.40%**). From this percentage the Revenue Share is calculated by using the Net Gaming Revenue multiplied by the Allocation % ($\$2,500,000 \times 36.40\% = \$909,900.74$). The Revenue Share is then divided by the number of Elders ($\$909,900.74 / 715 = \$1,272.59$)

-Example Only-							Quarter Payment
Net Gaming Revenue	Age Group	Point Schedule	Members	Points	Allocation %	Revenue Share	
\$2,500,000.00	18 to 54 Yrs	1	2499	2499	63.60%	\$1,590,099.26	\$636.29
	55 and Older	2	715	1430	36.40%	\$909,900.74	\$1,272.59
Total			3214	3929	100%	\$2,500,000.00	

11. Q. Can Per Capita payments be garnished?

A. Yes, Per Capita distributions may be withheld to satisfy any court ordered judgment obtained by the tribe against the qualified tribal member or to satisfy court ordered child support obligations. Any amount remaining after satisfaction of the court ordered judgment or child support obligation shall be distributed to the qualified tribal member in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Allocation Plan.

12. Q. Can the payment be electronically deposited into a checking or savings account?

A. Yes, by completing the Direct Deposit form the payment may be deposited to the qualified tribal member's bank account. Contact the Enrollment Department to request the form and instructions. NOTE* If you plan to move you must update your address with the Enrollment Department. At any time a members information on file with Enrollment Department is determined incorrect the Direct Deposit for the member will be cancelled, until information is up to date.

13. Q. Can state and/or federal assistance programs be affected by Per-Capita payments?

A. The Tribe cannot provide guidance for all the agencies that require you to report a change in income. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning your specific questions about income based assistance programs. For example if you receive S.S.I., DHS, Commodities, please contact your agency.

14. Q. Can a member refuse these payments?

A. If the Tribal member meets the eligibility requirements of the Revenue Allocation Plan they will receive per capita payments. Many agencies will count these payments as available income to you even if you refuse the payments. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning these payments.

15. Q. Will Per Capita payments be the same amount each time?

A. No. The payments will vary depending on the amount of net gaming revenues generated each quarter. The Revenue Allocation Plan allocates 40% of the net gaming revenues to per capita payments. The revenue allocation plan sets forth the amount the tribe can disburse to tribal members. The payments are made quarterly from the gaming revenues generated.

16. Q. Are the Per Capita payments considered income?

A. Many agencies count per capita payments as income. For further information contact the agency office with specific questions you may have.

17. Q. When are the Per Capita Payments made?

A. Per Capita payments will be distributed to qualified tribal members on the first day of each fiscal quarter. January 1st payment will be issued December 15th.

Fiscal Quarters
(1 st) January 1 st thru March 31 st
(2 nd) April 1 st thru June 30 th
(3 rd) July 1 st thru September 30 th
(4 th) October 1 st thru December 31 st

18. Q. When will the amount of a Per Capita payment be announced?

A. The amount will be announced on the main switchboard announcement at least four (4) weeks prior to a distribution. You can reach the message announcement by calling the tribe’s main number (231)723-8288 or 888-723-8288 and listen to the directory prompt to the Per Capita Information extension. Due to end of the year close outs of accounting processes it is determined that the 2nd quarter announcements will be delayed close to the disbursement date. This announcement will be posted when it is available.

19. Q. Is there specific information on the date when I will be eligible for per capita payments?

1st Quarter - January-March (Distributed Dec. 15)	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by September 30 th .
2nd Quarter – April - June	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by December 31 st .
3rd Quarter – July-September	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by March 31 st .
4th Quarter – October – December	Member must be of age 18 and 55 by June 30 th .

20. Q. Can I cancel a Direct Deposit request?

A. Yes, Direct deposit can be cancelled by submitting a Direct Deposit Cancellation form. Contact the Enrollment Department for this form to be mailed to you or download the form at www.lrboi.com. This form has to be NOTARIZED and submitted (5) five days before the payment date.



How It Affects the Nation We Can't Move Forward Until You Mail It Back

That's why it's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
 - Job training centers
 - Schools
 - Senior centers
 - Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
 - Emergency services
- Participation isn't just important—it's mandatory.



How It Benefits Your Community The 2010 Census is your community's voice in government.

When you fill out the census form, you're making a statement about what resources your community needs going forward.

Accurate data reflecting changes in your community are crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools.

That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period for things like new roads and schools, and services like job training centers.

The census effect in action

In addition, residents themselves have used census data to support community initiatives involving environmental legislation, quality-of-life issues and consumer advocacy.

•"Low-income families have clearly been targeted in this study." The Organic Consumers Association used census data to lobby the Environmental Protection Agency to halt testing dangerous chemicals on low-income children in Florida. The testing was eventually stopped due to the petition. Go to the petition site and read the census data cited to help augment their case

•"This data shows that Phillips has a higher number of both elderly and children under the age of 5 within its boundaries." A town in Minneapolis used census data to push for further examination of the environmental and physiological impact of a proposed energy facility. Read the actual peti-

tion that was filed in court

•"Florida is rapidly being developed, increasing the threats to wildlife" Save the Manatee Club petitions Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to step up protection of Florida's at-risk species using census data

Census in the Constitution Why Jefferson, Madison and the Founders Enshrined the Census in our Constitution

The U.S. Constitution empowers the Congress to carry out the census in "such manner as they shall by Law direct" (Article I, Section 2). The Founders of our fledgling nation had a bold and ambitious plan to empower the people over their new government. The plan was to count every person living in the newly created United States of America, and to use that count to determine representation in the Congress.

Enshrining this invention in our Constitution marked a turning point in world history. Previously censuses had been used mainly to tax or confiscate property or to conscript youth into military service. The genius of the Founders was taking a tool of government and making it a tool of political empowerment for the governed over their government.

They accomplished that goal in 1790 and our country has every 10 years since then. And we're about to continue that tradition in 2010. In 1954, Congress codified earlier census acts and all other statutes authorizing the decennial census as Title 13, U.S. Code. Title 13, U.S. Code, does not specify which subjects or questions are to be included in the decennial census. However, it does require the Census Bureau to notify Congress of general census subjects to be addressed 3 years before the decennial census and the actual questions to be asked 2 years before the decennial census.

Questions beyond a simple count are Constitutional

It is constitutional to include questions in the decennial census beyond those concerning a simple count of the number of people because, on numerous occasions, the courts have said the Constitution gives Congress the authority to collect statistics in the census. As early as 1870, the Supreme Court characterized as unquestionable the power of Congress to require both an enumeration and the collection of statistics in the census. The Legal Tender Cases, Tex.1870; 12 Wall., U.S., 457, 536, 20 L.Ed. 287. In 1901, a District Court said the Constitution's census clause (Art. 1, Sec. 2, Clause 3) is not limited to a headcount of the population and "does not prohibit the gathering of other statistics, if 'necessary and proper,' for the intelligent exercise of other powers enumerated in the constitution, and in such case there could be no objection to acquiring this information through the same machinery by which

the population is enumerated." United States v. Morarity, 106 F. 886, 891 (S.D.N.Y.1901).

In 2000, another District Court agreed and found that there is no constitutional limit on collecting additional data, when necessary for governance. That court also said responses to census questions are not a violation of a citizen's right to privacy or speech. Morales v. Daley, 116 F. Supp. 2d 801, 809 and 816. (S.D. Tex. 2000). These decisions are consistent with the Supreme Court's recent description of the census as the "linchpin of the federal statistical system ... collecting data on the characteristics of individuals, households, and housing units throughout the country." Dept. of Commerce v. U.S. House of Representatives, 525 U.S. 316, 341 (1999).

History of the Census

The first census began more than a year after the inauguration of President Washington and shortly before the second session of the first Congress ended. Congress assigned responsibility for the 1790 Census to the marshals of the U.S. judicial districts. The pay allowed for the 1790 "enumerators" was very small, and did not exceed \$1 for 50 people properly recorded on the rolls.

The First Federal Congress established a special committee to prepare the questions to be included in the first census. The suggestions were likely debated in the House, and according to a report in a Boston newspaper, Virginia Representative James Madison recommended at least five of the initial six questions.

The six inquiries in 1790 called for questions on gender, race, relationship to the head of household, name of the head of household, and the number of slaves, if any. Marshals in some states went beyond these questions and collected data on occupation and the number of dwellings in a city or town.

The 2010 questionnaire is one of the shortest in history, and comes very close to the length and scope of inquiries asked in 1790. Everyone in the household answers seven questions: name, gender, race, ethnicity, and whether they sometimes live somewhere else. The head of household answers how many people live in the residence, whether it is a house, apartment, or mobile home, and provides a telephone number for Census workers to follow up if any information is incomplete or missing.

The first census in 1790 was managed under the direction of Thomas Jefferson, the Secretary of State. Marshals took the census in the original 13 states plus the districts of Kentucky, Maine, and Vermont, and the Southwest Territory (Tennessee). Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson was nominal supervisor of the census on Census Day, August 2, 1790.

Future Olympic Game?

It wasn't quite like the Olympic games, but the LRBOI Annual Goonignebig (Snowsnake) Tournament took place on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Tribal Community Center. Despite the cold and cloudy conditions, we had 82 participants race their snakes while many others observed the competition.

After hours of racing, everyone gathered inside for a homemade lunch of Indian tacos, wild rice soup, chili, salads, frybread, and dessert. Each competitor received a newly designed long-sleeve shirt and participation ribbon while each winner received a placement medal. The 2010 Goonignebig Tournament winners and participants were (HM = Honorable Mention, P = Participant):

Ages 1 -4 Girls:

1st: Grace Gibson – 21 ft. 10 in.
2nd: Cecelia Orcutt – 19 ft. 10 in.
3rd: Kateri Ceplina – 18 ft. 10 in.
HM: Shenoah Collier – 4 ft.

Ages 1 – 4 Boys:

1st: Shawn Keshick – 39 ft. 5 in.
2nd: Riley Maldonado – 26 ft. 8 in.
3rd: No participant

Ages 5 – 7 Girls:

1st: Vanessa Pete – 27 ft. 11 in.
2nd: Raelynn McLain – 25 ft. 4 in.
3rd: No participant

Ages 5 – 7 Boys:

1st: Jordan Bussey – 92 ft. 5 in.
2nd: Brenden Orcutt – 83 ft. 2 in.
3rd: Hayden Carver – 48 ft. 10 in.
HM: Ben Ceplina – 46 ft. 7 in.
P: Jayce Two Star-Champagne – 46 ft. 6 in.
P: Sam Corey – 28 ft. 11 in.
P: Nate Corey – 27 ft. 5 in.

Ages 8 – 10 Girls:

1st: Annabella Brauker – 110 ft.
2nd: Aylajae Brauker – 106 ft. 6 in.
3rd: Faith Corey – 47 ft. 8 in.
HM: Tatum Gunderson – 47 ft. 6 in.

Ages 8 – 10 Boys:

1st: Trenton Ghering – 63 ft. 7 in.
2nd: Andrew Tingay – 58 ft. 10 in.
3rd: No participant

Ages 11 – 13 Girls:

1st: Kelsey Deland-Phillips – 115 ft. 11 in.
2nd: Violet Holden – 105 ft. 2 in.
3rd: Lilli Parker – 104 ft. 10 in.
HM: Autumn Carter – 87 ft. 5 in.
P: Samantha Moore – 65 ft. 6 in.
P: Pandora Pete – 46 ft. 6 in.

Ages 11 – 13 Boys:

1st: Maayingen Brauker – 132 ft. 7 in.
2nd: Bronsen Clyne – 110 ft. 6 in.
3rd: Alex Tingay – 105 ft. 10 in.
HM: Blaque Clyne – 41 ft. 2 in.

Ages 14 – 17 Girls:

1st: Kristina Deland-Phillips – 144 ft.
2nd: No participant
3rd: No participant

Ages 14 – 17 Boys:

1st: Michael Keshick – 177 ft. 8 in.
2nd: Pat Wilson Jr. – 170 ft. 10 in.
3rd: No participant

Ages 18 – 35 Women:

1st: Sunflower Wilson – 175 ft. 10 in.

2nd: Elizabeth Gunderson – 140 ft.
3rd: Kerri Collier – 135 ft. 11 in.
HM: Natasha Guiney – 133 ft. 8 in.
P: Amanda Pete – 133 ft. 3 in.
P: Spring Howe – 105 ft. 10 in.

Ages 18 – 35 Men:

1st: Justin Knapp – 184 ft. 10 in.
2nd: Ryan Champagne – 175 ft. 7 in.
3rd: Dustin Collier – 173 ft. 1 in.

Ages 36 – 54 Women:

1st: Cindi McIlrath – 182 ft.
2nd: Roxanne Deland-Phillips – 177 ft.
3rd: Kaye Rowland – 154 ft. 3 in.
HM: Kathy Gibson – 149 ft. 7 in.
P: Karen Bailey – 144 ft. 2 in.
P: Jeanie Gibson – 143 ft. 11 in.
P: Beth McLain – 139 ft. 8 in.
P: Michelle Deland – 132 ft. 10 in.
P: Allie Maldonado – 132 ft.
P: Melanie Ceplina – 105 ft.
P: Mary Guiney – 105 ft.
P: Sandy Chandler – 104 ft. 8 in.
P: Tammy Bowen – 89 ft. 7 in.
P: Laurie Jackson – 67 ft. 11 in.

Ages 36 – 54 Men:

1st: Brian Carver – 263 ft. 7 in.
2nd: Clatus Clyne – 231 ft. 11 in.
3rd: Todd Parker – 230 ft. 5 in.
HM: Jay Maldonado – 195 ft. 3 in.
P: Robert Keshick – 190 ft.
P: Robert Deland-Phillips – 186 ft. 3 in.
P: Austen Brauker – 184 ft. 6 in.
P: Patrick Wilson – 182 ft. 8 in.
P: Brian Gibson – 176 ft. 11 in.
P: Dave Corey – 154 ft. 3 in.
P: Mike Ceplina – 142 ft. 11 in.

Ages 55 – 64 Women:

1st: Rochelle Ettawageshik – 145 ft. 1 in.
2nd: Suzanne Shano – 133 ft. 3 in.
3rd: Cindy Champagne – 107 ft. 4 in.
HM: Pat Kellogg – 105 ft. 5 in.

Ages 55 – 64 Men:

1st: Richard Bailey – 177 ft. 7 in.
2nd: Frank Ettawageshik – 142 ft. 3 in.
3rd: No participant

Ages 65+ Women:

1st: Stella Gibson – 121 ft. 4 in.
2nd: Lorraine Smith – 109 ft. 5 in.
3rd: Rosie Deland – 83 ft. 10 in.
HM: Marion Ghering – 72 ft. 3 in.

Ages 65+ Men:

1st: John Shano – 146 ft.
2nd: James Gibson – 106 ft. 7 in.
3rd: Tom Ghering – 92 ft.

Congratulations to Brian Carver for achieving the longest throw of the day which was recorded at 263 feet and 7 inches!

The Historic Preservation Department would like to say “miigwech” and express our appreciation to our volunteers: Brian Gibson, Kathy Gibson, Jeanie Gibson, Justin Knapp, Elizabeth Gunderson, Natasha Guiney, Bill Willis, Laurie Willis, Melanie Ceplina, Tammy Bowen, Jamie Friedel, Darlene Martin, Deb Davis, and anyone else that we may have forgotten to mention. A special thanks goes to Brian Gibson and the Maintenance crew for all of their hard work in making the track and also to the local Native American church for providing the meal; it was very delicious! We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope to see you again at the tournament next year.





TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS INAUGURAL CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Manistee, Mi. – February 15, 2010 - Little River Casino Resort proudly announces its partnership with Manistee County charter boat captains for the inaugural Tight Lines for Troops charity salmon fishing tournament. The event has been scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2010 on Lake Michigan.

The tournament will host up to 120 Michigan military veterans, with priority given to disabled vets. It will be a day of camaraderie and world-class fishing on Lake Michigan. The goal is to express support and gratitude for distinguished military service to our nation. Proceeds will benefit the event co-sponsors; Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Michigan Brain Injury Association. Other activities are planned for families of the tournament participants including canoeing, a classic car show, family fun walks along the boardwalk, historical tours of Manistee, arts and crafts for kids, hikes and crafts at the Lake Bluff Bird Sanctuary, and many other activities.

“The generosity of these charter boat captains, many of them veterans themselves, and the support of many veterans organizations within the county, promises to provide the foundation for a very exciting inaugural event,” stated Bob Guenthardt, event founder and captain of Renegade Charters based in Manistee.

The Tight Lines for Troops participants will enjoy a pre-tournament dinner meeting at Manistee VFW Hall, served by the United Veterans Council of Manistee County. The tournament day begins with a shotgun start at the pier heads. Tournament weigh-in activities will take place at 1:30 pm at the National Guard Armory with a barbecue luncheon provided by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Warrior Society. The awards banquet will be provided later that evening at Little River Casino Resort beginning at 5:00 pm.

“Donations will first cover the expenses of the tournament participants based on need, including transportation and lodging, with the residual

proceeds to benefit the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan veterans program to help our returning combatants by creating a better future through education, advocacy, research, support and prevention,” stated Rick Briggs, a retired Major with the United States Air Force and manager of veterans programs with the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

The public is encouraged to join in this salute to Michigan veterans. Veterans can submit Tight Lines for Troops tournament registration information to Rick Briggs at 810-229-5880.

Sponsorship and Donation opportunities are available. For more information, please contact

Bob Guenthardt at 231-723-3282 or Rick Briggs at 810-229-5880.

Contact: Judy Ball

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Rehabilitation of Our Land

In the February Currents on page 31, a ‘Tribal Forestry Management Plan’ was announced. Since that time there has been some confusion in regard to the whole matter including fears of clear cutting and uncontrolled cutting of our trees.

Natural Resource employee Israel Stone addressed the confusion and after a lengthy discussion with Commissioner Michael Cepolina as well as Natural Resource Director Jimmie Mitchell and Tribal Council member Virgil Johnson Stone announced that, “We have cleared the air on the issues. I will note however that for clarity purposes that the whole point to this project is not to cut down trees but rather to remediate properties to a more native state and improve the overall forest health as well as wildlife habitat. The goals and objectives listed below should hopefully be the consistent message that we all convey to our Tribal Citizens and other interested parties.

- This is a Tribally-controlled sale, so therefore we at the departmental level are in contact with the loggers every day to assure the only timber removed from the properties are marked.

- The target species of tree to be harvested is red pine.

- There are no clear cutting methods being used on the properties it is a 1/3 removal or every third row cutting, meaning that we will remove either 1/3 of the total amount of trees or cut out every third row of pine trees. With that said there are two properties that we chose to remove pines and create openings they are kettle hole and river road parcels. The purpose for the openings are to create very specific wildlife

rehabilitation areas as well as to plant traditional plants for Tribal Citizen harvest opportunities. (Huckleberry, wild blue berry, ginseng and other species) This will promote both Tribal Citizen gathering as well as hunting opportunities. In total on about 12 acres were used to create openings for these purposes. The rest of the parcels that are being cut in the initial round of testing will be a every third row harvest.

- As a Natural Resource department we are charged with a lot of responsibilities to keep everything in a healthy balance part of this project is to remove timber but the larger goal and responsibility is to rehabilitate the lands that have been harvested. How do we achieve this goal? The Tribal Council has committed 100% of the timber proceeds to remediate the forests and habitat. The department has already done extensive research to determine what plant life will flourish in former pine stands in direct sun as well as in poor soil that has high acidic levels. We have purchased special equipment to plan around the pine stumps and after a few years will remove the stump all together.

- It is the direction of the department that when we replant the forest that we will not be planting seedlings or saplings but rather trees six feet or better in height to have better survivability. It is also the goal to achieve more wildlife diversity from planting different forage along with the trees to improve wildlife habitat as well as Tribal Citizen gathering and hunting opportunities. Trees Such as sugar maple, red cedar and white cedar for Citizen gathering as well as for wildlife habitat, also red and white oak, beech, crab apple, thorn apple to produce mast crops for wildlife forage.

The end result for the project is to not only improve the forest, but also improve Tribal Citizen gathering and hunting opportunities. As this project continues to progress even as early as this fall you should all see great improvements in our forests. The diversity in wildlife on our properties will be enhanced greatly. The mast crops that are produced will attract not only whitetail deer but other species such as Bear, Turkey, Rabbit, Grouse and many other wildlife species. Tribal Citizens will be able to gather Huckleberry, wild blueberry, maple syrup and other ceremonial plants on Tribal properties. We have been working the U.S. Forest Service and we will be able to gate trails that currently go through Tribal properties to better protect and preserve our resources. The end result of this project will be one that we all will be proud to have been a part of and a road map for how we will manage our properties in the future.

Together we can achieve a great success and preserve these resources for generations to come. Divided on these issues we can assure the failure of this project and the potential to show ourselves once again of Managers of the Resource. This is a very important component of our overall goal of restoring our reservation. Thank you for your time and understanding, this communication is not to point the finger or belittle anyone but rather to empower you with the tools you need to help make informed decisions and communications to others.”

Submitted by: Israel Sone

Family Services Ext. 6726	Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency Education and Assistance Family Counseling Family Violence Prevention Notary Services	Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Elder Services Positive Indian Parenting Programs Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Consulting
Health Clinic Contract Health Services Ext 6601	Family Physician, Medical Services, Community Health Resource, Diabetic Education, Health Nursing- (Limited Health Benefit Programs) Contract Health Services (CHS) for the 9 county service area Extended Health Assistance Program (EHAP) outside the 9 county service area Counseling and Referral for Substance Abuse and Mental Health	
Education Ext. 6735	Michigan Tuition Waiver Adult Education Incentive Grant, Higher Education Program, Book Stipend Program Vocational Education Assistance Program	Activities Assistance, Senior (High school) Expenses, Drivers Training Assistance and 12 th Grade Laptop Computer Program School Clothing Assistance Student Services
Members Assistance Ext. 6731 or 6733	Low Income Energy Assistance Food Assistance Rental & Mortgage Assistance Emergency Transportation Elder Chore Services Program Referral Services available	(Grant Funded Programs available to 9 County Service Areas) LIHEAP REACH Well and Septic Program Elder Meal Program
Commodities Ext. 6715	USDA Commodities Distribution - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations.	
Enrollment Ext. 6712 or 6713	Enrollment Processing Address Changes Bereavement Program Notary Services	Judgment Funds Tribal Directory Information Per Capita Beneficiary Form Per Capita Information Services
Housing Ext. 6878	-Aki Maadiziwin Subdivision Low income single family and elder rental homes Fair market rent-to-own single family homes -Fair market rentals primarily in Manistee	-Two short term low income rentals in Manistee -Leasehold mortgage program. -Down payment and closing cost assistance program.
Tax Dept. Ext. 6874	Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program, Tribal Tax Licenses, Tribal Business Licenses	Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members/Tribal Entities, Commercial and Subsistence Fishers
Commerce Ext. 6879	Small Business Loan Program Tribal Owned Economic Development Tribal Member Owned Economic Development	Tribal Title Office Work Force Development
Legal Assistance Ext. 2234	Legal Advice that includes but is not limited to the following: Estate Planning: preparation of Trusts, Wills, Durable Power of Attorneys, Medical Power of Attorneys for Tribal Members and their spouses. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Real Estate Criminal Matters </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Landlord-Tenant Matters Civil Matters </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Divorce/Custody, Support Paternity, DNA Testing, Birth Certificates </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Probate of Estates Guardianships & Conservatorships for children & adults </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Driver's Licenses General Legal Advice </div> <p>General Information: The Attorney cannot appear in court with a Tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe, but can assist with providing legal guidance and drafting of documents. The Attorney can represent Tribal Elders in tribal court in civil matters that do not involve the tribe. Reminder: If you are served with a Summons and Complaint contact the Attorney IMMEDIATELY.</p>	



Muschigon Construction Board. The Board of Directors for the tribal construction company, Muschigon Construction, has three seats open as of March 8th. The qualifications (as taken from Ordinance 05-800-04) read: "Qualification of Members of the Board of Directors.

- o A. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- o B. There shall be a member of the Board of Directors that has one of the following qualifications, and all qualifications shall be represented:
 - * 1. Three years of residential/commercial construction experience in any capacity.
 - * 2. Two years of construction project management experience.
 - * 3. Two years of business managerial experience or one year of managerial experience.
- o C. A vacancy in one of the required qualifications must be filled by a candidate meeting the qualifications.
- o D. No elected official of the Tribe shall sit as a member of the Board of Directors."

Interested applicants for a position on this Board may submit a letter of interest to the office of Ogema Romanelli at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

Attention all Tribal Members

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

- o Gaming has 2 openings
- o Binojeeuk has 2 openings
- o Health has 1 opening

All other commission seats available have been filled.

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**The Warriors Society is
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uniform or in
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NOTE: The meeting is the last Monday of every month.



It is traditionally believed within the Native American community that children are a gift from the creator and should be nurtured, protected, and guided. In the time of our ancestors there were many environmental dangers that children needed to be protected from and taught to respect. Times have changed a bit and the dangers that our children face have changed as well. In today's society children are at risk of being harmed in their schools, on the internet, at home, virtually anywhere. However, built into the Native American culture are many important tools that can be used to prevent child abuse.

The Family Service Department of the LRBOI offers a traditionally based class for parents and caregivers to explore how to become positive role models for their children. In the following interview with the facilitator of the program Kathy Lagerquist, LBSW, one can get an idea of how the traditional approach to parenting can not only benefit parents but children as well. It is during the month of April which we as a community can learn ways to protect our children from abuse.

Interviewer: What kinds of tools does the Positive Indian Parenting class provide participants with that may help prevent child abuse?

Kathy: We help parents identify their values and give them strategies such as storytelling, observation, planning ahead and goal setting that they can use to raise healthy, productive children that will contribute to their tribe and to the greater society. The Seven Grandfather teachings are an important tool that provides a firm foundation for themselves and for their children. We encourage parents to use this tool to examine their own childhoods and, if need be, use it to "re-parent" or "self-parent" themselves, so they can be a healthy role-model

for their own children. Unless we, as parents, look closely at how we learned to parent we will continue to make the same mistakes, which often leads to abuse and neglect of our children.

Interviewer: How does Positive Indian Parenting differ from other parenting programs?

Kathy: Positive Indian Parenting differs from other programs in the way it helps parents think about how they were raised and what kind of parent they want to be. By exploring the Old Ways before the influence of the modern world, they can reconnect with a parenting style that taps into their "blood memory". It focuses on the Seven Grandfather values of wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth rather than on a specific childrearing "theory". These values are often compatible with modern theorist, and help parents build a foundation of values and principles that make sense to them and provide the logic behind specific behavioral management strategies.

Interviewer: What lesson in the eight week class do you feel is most beneficial for parents and caregivers to achieve positive results in childrearing?

Kathy: One of the most valuable sessions is Lessons of Mother Nature that teaches parents to observe and learn from the natural world. There is much to be learned about the principals of balance, harmony, nurturing, and other life lessons that can be incorporated into our childrearing. We teach parents to help their children be aware of Mother Nature and to ask their children "what did you learn?" from their observations of the natural world.

Interviewer: What does the Positive Indian Parenting class teach about how children were traditionally valued and raised?

Kathy: It teaches that children were traditionally valued as gifts from the Creator and not as "possessions" of their parents. It teaches that children were an integral part of the tribal community and that parents, as well as the community as a whole, have a responsibility to love and care for our children as gifts. It also teaches that we often know more about the Old Ways than we think we do about raising happy, healthy children.

If you would like to find out more about the Positive Indian Parenting Class provided by the Family Service Department please contact:
Kathy Lagerquist: 231-398-6705
Shelly Kequam: 231-398-6707
or toll-free 1-888-723-8288
and ask for Family Services Department.

Submitted by Melissa Sharlow,
Intake Specialist FSD

Government Closes for the following Holidays

Treaty Recognition (Sunday 3/28) closed on 3/29
Memorial Day 5/31
Independence Day (Sunday 7/4) closed on 7/5
Labor Day 9/6
Reaffirmation Day 9/21
Veterans Day 11/11
Thanksgiving 11/25
Christmas Eve, close 12/23 at noon, all day 12/24
New Years, close 12/31
Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.
Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure.
Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.



Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 20 packs per Tribal member.

Tribal ID Cards Must be Encoded

Soon Tribal members will have to have their Tribal ID cards encoded before they can make tax-exempt purchases at the Little River Trading Post.

New software is being installed to calculate tax exemptions and compile records required for tax exemptions. Tribal members will swipe their ID cards instead of filling out logs. Please watch the Tribal website (www.lrboi.com), the Rapid River News, and future issues of Currents for updates on this process.

Don't be Surprised at Tax Time

Some employees have contacted the Tax Office to say they had their tax returns prepared and were surprised to find out they owe federal income tax. Others have said they were surprised to learn their tax refund was much smaller than they expected. You can avoid this situation next year if you take an active role in planning your payroll tax withholding so there is enough paid in at the end of the year.

One good tool for planning your withholding is the IRS Withholding Calculator. If you are an employee, the Withholding Calculator can help you determine whether you need to give your employer a new Form W-4 *Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate* to avoid having too much or too little federal income tax withheld from your pay. You can use your results from the calculator to help fill out the form.

You can find the Withholding Calculator online at www.irs.gov. On the left side menu under "Online Services>>>>" select "Withholding Calculator".

Tips for using the Withholding Calculator:

- Have your most recent pay stubs handy.
- Have your most recent income tax return handy.
- Estimate values if necessary, remembering that the results can only be as accurate as the input you provide.



Steelhead Harvest in Streams and Rivers

Many opportunities exist for the harvest of steelhead in local streams and rivers including hook and line, spearing, bowfishing and hand netting. Under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, the Tribes will continue regulating steelhead harvest similar to years in the past on the majority of rivers and streams within the 1836 Ceded Territory. Some specific river and stream segments where the spawning and survival of steelhead is believed to be highly successful are protected. Harvest opportunities exist in these “protected streams” with certain limitations.

General Regulations:

- Season is open all year.
- Bag limit is ten fish per day with a possession limit of twenty fish.
- Minimum size is 8”, except that only 3 fish larger than 16” may be kept per day.
- Legal fishing methods include hook and line, spearing, bowfishing, hand netting and by hand.
- No harvest permit is needed, but reports must be submitted to the Natural Resources Department within 7 days of harvest.
- Spearing and bowfishing for steelhead in the Little Manistee River from Manistee Lake to the Little Manistee River Weir is prohibited.
- Spearing in the following Upper Peninsula Streams is prohibited: Chocolay River, Mosquito River, Big Two Hearted River, Little Two Hearted River, and a portion of the Anna River.

Protected Stream Regulations:

- Spearing is allowed from April 1 to April 15. Steelhead fishing is closed to all other methods from March 15 to the last Saturday of April.
- Bag limit is three fish per day or as designated on your permit, whichever is less. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- Minimum size limit is 16” (steelhead harvested under 16” that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included as part of your daily bag limit).
- Legal fishing methods outside of the closed season (March 15 to the last Saturday in April) include hook and line, spearing, bowfishing, hand netting and by hand.
- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resources Department within 7 days of harvest.
- A harvest permit needs to be picked up at the Natural Resources Department at least 7 hours prior to harvest.

General and Protected Stream Regulations, maps and a list of protected stream segments may be picked up at the Natural Resources Department and are also available online:

<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/nrd/docs/Inland%20Fishing%20Regulations.pdf>
<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/nrd/docs/Supplement%20Maps.pdf>

Please contact Marty Holtgren at 231-398-2193 or Chris Eilers at 231-398-2195 with questions regarding this article.

Walleye Harvest Regulation

Many opportunities exist for the harvest of walleye in both lakes and rivers. Under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, lakes in the 1836 Ceded Territory were identified as walleye lake systems or non-walleye lake systems with regulations differing between these lake systems depending on harvest season. Additionally, specific regulations were developed for walleye harvest in tributaries to the bays de Noc. Please contact Inland fisheries staff for information on these systems.

General Regulations for all inland lakes

- Open all year
- Hook and line, spear, bow, hand net, long seine and impoundment net may be used
- A harvest permit needs to be obtained from the LRBOI Natural Resource Department 24 hours prior to harvest when using impoundment nets and long seines
- Bag limit of 10 fish per day (unless otherwise specified by permit) with a possession limit of 20 fish
- Minimum size limit is 14” (walleye harvested under 14” that are unable to be released alive should be kept and included in the daily bag limit)
- Harvest reports must be submitted to the Natural Resource Department within seven days of harvest

Additional Regulations for Specially Regulated “Walleye Lake Systems” Follow the general regulations for inland lakes, except:

- A harvest permit must be obtained from the LRBOI Natural Resource Department 7 hours prior to walleye harvest when using hook and line, spear, bow and hand net between April 1st – May 14th in the Upper Peninsula and between March 15th through the Friday before the last Saturday in April (April 22, 2010) in the Lower Peninsula

Regulations for Tributaries (Rivers and Streams)

Follow the general regulations for inland lakes, except:

- Open season May 15th – End of February. There is a closure from March 1st – May 14th
- Allowable gear types in tributaries include: hook and line, spear, bow and hand net (nets and seines not allowed)

Specially Regulated bays de Noc Tributaries
Sturgeon River, Days River, Escanaba River, and Rapid River (Delta County)

Follow the general regulations for inland lakes, except:

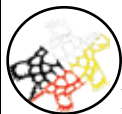
- Open season March 15th – End of February. There is a closure from March 1st – March 14th
- Allowable gear types include hook and line and spear
- A harvest permit needs to be obtained by the LRBOI Natural Resource Department seven hours prior to harvest when using hook and line between March 15th – May 14th and the use of spears during any time of the year

A list of walleye lake systems may be picked up at the Natural Resources Department and are also available online:

<https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/nrd/docs/Inland%20Fishing%20Regulations.pdf>
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TPD Destroys Contraband



LRBOI Public Safety Detective James Grabowski and Officer Melissa Alexander spent some time this month destroying contraband collected by the department doing their police duties. Evidence from 218 drug related cases was burned out

by the tribal shooting range behind the Justice Center.

Government Building Access

If you visit the Bank Building in Manistee now, you will see that new safety procedures have been put in place. All visitors (non-employee) are being asked to come in through the River Street front door and to sign in at the reception desk. This is a safety step so that Emergency Services personnel will know about visitors and where to locate them in event of a fire or other incident.

Thanks for your cooperation....
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Current Assistance Programs



~ATTENTION TRIBAL ELDERS~

The Members Assistance Department will be implementing the Administration on Aging Title VI Elder Meal Program. The program name will simply be called the **Elder Meal Program**. This initiative will encompass an important component of providing adequate nutrition which is critical to health, functioning, quality of life and wellbeing of our Tribal Elders. An Elder Meal Administrator will be on staff full time to plan for prepared meals and coordinate activities for this program. The program will rely on volunteers in the community to help with these activities as well. If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering at these events please ask them to contact the Members Assistance Department. The Elder Meal Program will be available to all elders residing in the 9 county service areas age 55 and older and their spouses, handicapped or disabled individuals in the same household of the eligible Elder who accompany the Elder during this meal and any volunteers who provide assistance to the program during the meal hours.

This program is at NO CHARGE to participants identified above. Guests who would like to accompany an eligible participant will be charge for the cost of the guest meal. At this time the meal cost is \$5.60. At each meal there will also be a contribution box where any participants will have the opportunity to contribute a donation to the program. The donations will go back into the program for planning and providing social activities and the actual meal costs. At no time will there be any means tests used for this program and no eligible participant will be denied services regardless of whether he/she contributes.

In meeting the program requirement of providing nutritious meals there will be activities for Elders to participate in as well as education and prevention presentations on health issues facing our Elders. If you would like to participate in this program please contact the Members Assistance Department for an over the phone intake process that will initiate registration for the program and at your first visit to the Aki Community Center finalizing of registration will take place. This is a very short intake process for a beneficial program.

Referral services- If you reside in an area or have circumstances that prevent participation at the Aki Community Center. Please contact our office for assistance in registering for Meals on Wheels services in your area.

A complete monthly menu, activities and program dates will be up coming in a mailing to Elders as well as in future Currents editions.

This is an exciting time for our Elders. If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact the Members Assistance Department.

The Lesson of the Canoe



Two men had been walking along a bayou, returning to the village of their people on the main river channel, when one spotted an old canoe on shore. As they approached, the other saw some paddles laying in the weeds. "This will make our travel easier, and our burden lighter" said the first. "We are lucky that it still floats" noted the second. They knew the way back to the river's channel, so the men sat in the canoe, but both faced each end. Shoving off they could go nowhere, as each tried to pull the canoe in their own direction. After several tries, they decided to talk it over. They finally decided that they would get into the canoe so that the first would face the middle and the other would then face the front. The one in front would power the canoe forward and lead the way, watching for trouble, while the one in back would steer the course. Working together they arrived at their village easily. One leads looking for dangers, the other steers around the dangers. Where do you sit in the canoe?

(reprint from May, 1995)



FY2010 Members Assistance Department Programs

Programs are available in ALL STATES with the exception of the grant funded programs as noted in program listing. Programs are subject to available funding approved in the program year budget.

Program applications and regulations are available at the tribe's website at www.lrboi.com. We receive a number of calls inquiring on how to apply for a program. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. The processing period can be up to 5 days depending on number of applications received. We are mandated by law to LIHEAP shut off notices within an

***Food Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. If household is receiving food assistance from another agency, it is the responsibility of the applicant to verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect current benefits. Submission of receipts is a requirement of this program. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

***Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
- Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
- Amount of assistance: Up to \$300.00 per year; per household.

***Emergency Transportation Assistance**

The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis.

Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household
- Vehicle areas in need of repair meet the scope of the program.
- Amount of assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household.

***Elder Chore Assistance Program**

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program. Elder must be a permanent member of the household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.

The assistance for elder chore services are identified in the categories below;

- Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
- Weather stripping around doors and windows
- Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
- Gutter cleaning
- General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds
- Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household.

***Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Assistance is subject to available funding. Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG

- Received a court ordered eviction or foreclosure notice
 - Relocation to affordable housing
 - Relocation due to loss of housing due to natural disaster
 - Relocation due to substandard housing as documented by an inspector
 - If program has been accessed in the past, received a denial from an outside agency for assistance.
 - Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed program maximum program amount available to prevent or resolve housing crisis.
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HOUSEHOLD INCOME- (Tribally funded programs) – Household income eligibility determination is based on three (3) months income prior to application. Applicant must provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

Deductions from Gross Income: Child support paid out and unreimbursed medical bills.

*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

~THE FOLLOWING ARE GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE NINE COUNTY SERVICE AREAS OF MICHIGAN~

NOTE LIHEAP funds are available in all counties of Michigan, for the counties outside of the Tribal 9 county service areas the local Department of Health and Human Services administers this program under their guideline rules. LIHEAP is also available in all states through their local Health and Human Services and Housing Authorities.**

*LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

- Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
 - Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.
 - Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps
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LIHEAP –

Cooling Assistance LIHEAP Component- Tribal Elders

This is a grant funded component of LIHEAP to provide assistance to Tribal Elders who meet the eligibility requirements, have a medical condition that require air conditioning during hot summer months, are experiencing an energy crisis due to additional energy burden to operate the cooling system and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

- Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
- Medical condition and need for air conditioning must be certified and documented by medical professional.

- Assistance is available May 1, 2010 thru September 30, 2010.

REACH Program

The REACH program will be utilized to promote health and safety for low income households in need of assistance and education in reducing and controlling energy costs. Successful applicants will participate in a health and safety questionnaire and provide data for energy use and track the % of decreases in energy expenses over a 16 month period. The focus of the program will be promoting energy efficiency, education in conservation of energy and budgeting skills to reduce energy crisis. The program will promote Energy Smart Bulbs , Weatherization & Education, Energy Smart Appliances , Smoke and Carbon Dioxide Detectors and Fire Extinguishers. Eligibility criteria:

- Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- Household income does not exceed program guidelines
- Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name where applicable and/or must have a 12 month lease /



rental agreement.

Well and Septic Program

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas. Applicant must be:

- f. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- g. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- h. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- i. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.
- j. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

A complete application and the supporting documents must be submitted in order to process assistance request in a timely manner. Supporting documents are listed on the cover page of the application.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for program information and/or to request an application. Applications and Program Regulations are available online at www.lrboi.com Members Assistance link

Other Services:

- Referral assistance in finding assistance organizations and/or agencies to assist with needs that are not readily available or provided through tribal members programs.
- Interdepartmental Referral Services that provided interdepartmental coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments when assisting

Members Assistance Department Staff

Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk

Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk

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Port & Vessel Security Training Seminar

by Victoria Parker

Twenty-five local and area maritime responders, including members of LRBOI's law enforcement, attended a safety seminar held at the LRBOI Casino and Resort on February 25. Tyler Pendleton, CET, an instructor for the University of Findlay School of Environmental and Emergency Management led the class.

Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel was the topic and Pendleton stressed the importance of public

agencies working in tandem with the Marine Transportation Security Act. A grant from the Department of Homeland Security provided financing for the training, which emphasized the need for coordinated efforts in response to a possible maritime transportation incident. Representatives from fire fighters, law enforcement,

emergency medical servicers and emergency management systems were present to learn about the US Maritime Transportation System, Security Regulations and Environmental Safety issues.



The attendees participated in a pre and post course evaluation and were granted a certificate upon successful completion of the seminar.



Diabetic Health Milk



Milk is a great source of calcium needed to build and maintain bones and teeth. Choose lowfat milk or milk products such as skim milk, lowfat or fat free yogurt or cheese, to obtain the benefits of milk without the added fat calories.

If you are lactose intolerant, speak with your physician or a dietician to find good sources of calcium.

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Food Stamp Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.



USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Net Monthly Income Standards October 1, 2009 & October 1, 2010 Household Size Income Limits	
1.	\$ 1,044.00
2.	\$ 1,356.00
3.	\$ 1,667.00
4.	\$ 1,991.00
5.	\$ 2,329.00
6.	\$ 2,666.00
7.	\$ 2,978.00
8.	\$ 3,290.00
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Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M

Lunch hour is 12:00 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715





2010 Internships Through Workforce Development Program

The purpose of the LRBOI Commerce Department's Workforce Development Internship Program is to recruit, assist, and offer LRBOI Tribal Citizen/Preference College Students the work experience in an assortment of positions that are needed Tribal wide. LRBOI via its' government, enterprises, and business entities has the ability to offer the LRBOI Tribal Citizen/Preference College student(s) an educational internship in almost any field of study.

Examples: law enforcement, accounting, legal, marketing, social work, medical, administration, construction, etc.

The internship experience is designed to provide LRBOI Tribal Citizen/Preference College Students with the opportunity to gain supervised experience in a work setting for which academic credits are earned. Internships are valuable to LRBOI Tribal Citizen/Preference College Students because the internship can be included on their resume and in interviews as work experience. LRBOI gains an opportunity to help LRBOI Tribal Preference Students by participating in the educational process and the opportunity to identify potential applicants for the future.

LRBOI gains the following benefits by offering internships:

- Interns perform functions that will assist more experienced employees
- Interns can complete special projects that would otherwise go undone
- Interns can assist on short-term assignments
- LRBOI gains access to a motivated and skilled labor pool
- Interns can be used to carry out functions during periods of peak load

The Internship Educational Grant Program (applications available through the LRBOI Commerce Department) is only open to LRBOI Tribal Citizen/Preference College Students that meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled LRBOI Tribal Citizen or Tribal Descendant and at least 18 years of age.
2. Applicant must have a 2.75 Cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.).
3. Applicant must be in a degreed program at an accredited College or University.
4. Length of Internship paid by the Work Force Development Program is 240 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour.

Applicant shall only receive educational grant payment or wage being paid for Internship Program (if any wage is available). Applicant shall not receive wage in addition to educational release time. Tribal citizen/descendant employees of the Tribe and or its enterprises shall not be paid the hourly internship wage in addition to their educational release time.

Students on academic or disciplinary probation will not be permitted to enroll in an internship.

Interns will be placed in an internship in the following priority:

1. LRBOI Tribal Citizens that need to complete an internship as part of their degree;
2. LRBOI Tribal Citizens enrolled in an accredited college or university;
3. LRBOI Tribal Descendants that need to complete an internship as part of their degree;
4. LRBOI Tribal Descendants enrolled in an accredited college or university;
5. LRBOI Tribal Citizens that are High School Graduates enrolled in an accredited college or university (GPA requirement waived since no GPA has been established).

Pay for internships will be \$10 per hour.

As stated above, an applicant shall only receive educational grant payment or wage being paid for Internship Program (If a wage is available). Applicant shall not receive wage in addition to educational grant.

All internships must be based on a minimum number of hours per week.

Full time internships are approximately 6-10 weeks.

An individual is only allowed (1) one internship per calendar year.

Please see the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Specialist for other programs that may assist you during your internship such as: Internship Hosting, Career Assistance Vouchers, Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher, Vocational Rehabilitation, Employer Incentive Rebate Program, and Development & Training.



Internships are for the benefit of the student. Interns are not to be used in place of employees. Interns will be placed in entry-level pre-professional experiences that are designed to enhance and build their skills. Generally, interns will observe the workplace, discuss with the supervisor such matters as why work is done in a certain way and suggest improvements based on their course work.

Internships are not designed to be an advantage to LRBOI and Interns are not entitled to a job at the conclusion of the internship. The purpose of the internship is to provide a learning experience. It is expected that the supervisory time required will outweigh any work performed by an intern.

Interns usually perform tasks under the watchful eye of a supervisor/employee. If an intern deals with clients or customers without a supervisor present—as a practice teacher will handle a class alone—they review proposed activities or decisions either beforehand or afterward with an employee/supervisor.

Interns will be required to acknowledge in writing that they are not an LRBOI employee, are not entitled to employee benefits, are not entitled to workers compensation, and will comply with all applicable company policies (e.g., confidentiality, illegal drugs, intoxication, safety, etc.). Any forms required by a government agency will be completed at the beginning of the internship.

The Intern will be provided with a current detailed job description of work tasks to be performed prior to any student placement.

Departmental functions and needs are likely to dictate whether interns will work a few hours each week during the academic year or join you for several days a week during school breaks.

In order to be considered for an Internship, interested college students meeting the Internship Education Grant Program requirements must:

1. Complete an Application for Programs to the Workforce Development Program;
2. Complete an Internship Application;
3. Provide the Workforce Development Program with a copy of college transcripts (high school transcript if no college GPA established);
4. Copy of current resume.

All completed paperwork must be received by the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program by Friday, May 7, 2010.

Forms are available through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program located at 294 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. Contact David Hawley at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, locally 231-398-6842, e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com.

New Tribal HR Director

The Tribal Government has brought on a new Human Resources Director. Mid-February, Allen Stone took over the reins of HR and filled a post that has been vacant since September. Stone is a seasoned professional and a Michigan resident. Here's his biography:

Profile: Allen C. Stone-Human Resources Great Lakes Division Carmeuse Lime and Stone

Professional:

Allen has over 30 years of hourly and salary automotive manufacturing experienced in all facets of the organization including: Labor relations, training, health and safety, recruitment, policy design, coaching, counseling, mentoring, materials, quality, engineering, ergonomics, and wellness programs.

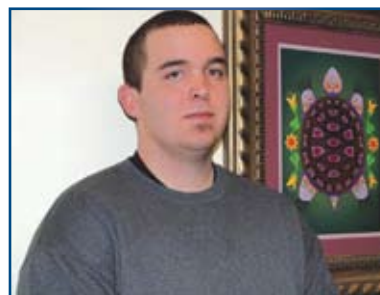
Allen has a Masters Degree in Human Resources and Management from Central Michigan University, a bachelors degree in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Michigan an Associates Degree in Business from Schoolcraft College and a professional certificate in Human Resources. He also attended Harvard University to obtain a certification in Labor Negotiations. Allen joined O-N Minerals in November 2006 as a Divisional H.R. Manager for the Great Lakes Division.

Personal:

Allen is a true conservationist and loves being in the outdoors where he hunts for turkey, partridge, deer and bear. He is an avid and professional fly fisherman that ties his own flies and teaches kids the sport. When he isn't on the stream, is usually casting for a bass or walleye on his favorite lakes. He is an avid car nut enjoying restoration of muscle and classic cars and currently owns a restored 1967 Mustang GT convertible. He loves attending car shows where he judges cars and has been to every Woodward cruise in Detroit. Allen is also a prolific reader and writes short stories about his adventures and experiences in the outdoors and published several articles. Allen is an ex Navy Corpsman stationed with the 1st and 3rd Marine division during the Vietnam era for 4 years and met president Nixon during the release of POW's in San Diego where he worked with them personally in rehabilitation. Allen also was on Robert Kennedy campaign team prior to him getting shot 40 years ago in California.

Allen is married to Charlene and has two daughters, stepdaughters, a stepson, and soon to be a grandfather. Allen lives in Ludington, Michigan.

New NR Inland Fisheries Tech



Jason P. Lorenz has joined the LRBOI Natural Resources Department as an Inland Fisheries Technician. Originally from Tawas City MI, Jason is a 2008 grad from Lake Superior State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Fisheries & Wildlife Mgt. He brings a wide range of experience including work on lake sturgeon populations in Michigan and Wisconsin and Atlantic Salmon in Sault Ste. Marie.

Jason's main interests are fishing and duck hunting. He plans to marry Kristen Spalding from Thompsonville, MI on September 18, 2010. He has an 18-month-old black lab named Coho.

The LRBOI 'Nme (Sturgeon) streamside rearing program has been going on for five years and has received international recognition for its innovation and success.



Jason will be a welcome addition to the team and bring his unique experiences!

IT IS OUR VISION FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TO LEARN, GROW, AND EMBRACE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Goals

The Positive Indian Parenting curriculum is designed to provide a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Native American parents. It is our goal to help:

- * Native American parents explore the values and attitudes customarily practiced throughout Indians communities and to integrate those values with modern parenting skills.

- * Native American parents develop positive and satisfying attitudes, values, and skills that have roots in their cultural teachings.

This class is appropriate for anyone caring for Native American Children:

- Two parent families
- Blended families
- Single moms and dads
- Grandparents
- Foster Parents
- Adoptive parents
- Teen Parents

Session Topics

This class includes eight sessions that cover:

Traditional Parenting

History, cultural strengths

Lessons of the Storyteller

Communication, values, development

Lessons of the Cradleboard

Bonding, nurturing, development

Harmony in Childrearing

Balance, family structure, self-control, prevention

Traditional Behavioral Management

Guidelines, limits, discipline

Lessons of Mother Nature

Living skills, social skills

Praise in Traditional Parenting

Positive Reinforcement skills

Choices in Parenting

Setting goals, problems for parenting, what kids of parent to be

Our Mission

It is our mission to provide:

- * Positive Indian parenting skills that recognizes extended family as having a historical part of and vital role in child-rearing

- * A connection to the values found in traditional legends and stories

- * A solid foundation for successful child-rearing

- * An ability to recognize the stages of child development and growth found through Native traditions and modern theories

Who:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Family Services Department
with materials developed by
the National
Indian Child Welfare Association

What:

Positive Indian
Parenting Program

Where:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Community Center
1762 U.S. 31 South
Manistee, MI 49660
Muskegon Tribal Center
1101 W. Hackley Avenue
Muskegon MI 49441

Want more information ?

Call Kathy Lagerquist,
Program Coordinator
(231)-398-6705

Every new generation faces the difficult job of raising its children. We must nurture and protect our children, help them learn society's beliefs and values, and teach them the skills they will need to survive as adults.



The Tribal Natural Resources Department has announced that once again, seasonal positions with the department will be available. This popular program has helped a number of students and has been a great assist to our NR Department as they work on their projects.

The seasonal positions will be to assist the fisheries and aquatic biologists with projects such as fishery population monitoring, sturgeon work and stream restoration research including wild rice planning. These positions will include extensive fieldwork, equipment upkeep, stream electrofishing, sturgeon collection and rearing, macroinvertebrate sampling and data analysis. This position requires flexibility in scheduling including late nights and weekends.

Qualifications for the positions include:

Required:

- *A minimum of enrollment in BS degree in Biology (or related field)
- *Knowledge of fisheries and other aquatic sampling techniques
- ***Electrofishing, telemetry, water sampling**
- *Valid driver license throughout employment as needed

Preferred:

- *Two years experience in biological sampling techniques
- *Macroinvertebrate Identification

The positions will start in early May and continue through August. If you are interested please send your resume to LRBOI Human Resources, 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660 and indicate that you are interested in temporary work in the Natural Resources Department. For more information, contact the Natural Resources office toll-free at 1.866.723.1594 or within the Manistee area at 723.1594.

AFS Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program

Kathryn Winkler

Hutton Program Coordinator Winkler may be contacted at kwinkler@fisheries.org.

Program Description

The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a summer mentoring program for high school students sponsored by the American Fisheries Society (AFS). The principal goal of the program is to stimulate interest in careers in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions, including minorities and women. Application to the program is open to all current 11th and 12th grade high school students, regardless of race, creed, or gender. Because the program seeks to increase diversity within the fisheries professions, qualified female and minority students are strongly encouraged to apply. Students selected for the program are matched with mentor professionals and enjoy an eightweek, hands-on fisheries science experience in a marine and/or freshwater setting. Assignments are made with participating organizations within reasonable commuting distance from the students. Each student receives a \$3,000 scholarship and a complimentary student AFS.

Sunflower Wilson of Manistee, Michigan, has decided to continue working for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Inland Fisheries and Water Quality Department, helping to educate people in her community about Nmé (sturgeon) and the importance of water quality. Wilson participated in the LRBOI Nmé Release Ceremony on 19 September 2009 by setting up a Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program booth and sharing her experiences as a Hutton scholar.

Cancer in our people

Marty Wabindato



Aanii Tribal Members

My name is Marty Wabindato and I am a cancer survivor. January, 2009, after a routine checkup,

I was told I have prostate cancer. (Karma does exist!)

I went into a state of shock and denial for a month.

At 50 I stopped drinking, after 35 years of alcoholism, at 54, I stopped smoking after 41 years of hard smoking. At 57, I have cancer?

For my second opinion, I went to the Biederman Cancer Center in Traverse City. After confirming I had cancer, we went with the High Radiation seeds treatment. I went into Munson Hospital for 1 and a half days. I had 2 treatments

the first day and 1 treatment the next morning. They sent me home at noon and I'm thinking, "This isn't so bad." About 2 hours later I got violently sick and was so for the next 15 days. Light, sound and motion was like 3 migraines at once. Never been so sick! Then 4 days after being so sick, I started 6 weeks of low radiation treatments. Monday through Friday I rode the cancer bus from Manistee to Traverse City and back home (about 150 miles round trip). My last treatment was May 12th and I started working for the tribe May 13th in the Housing Department as a temp.

My last check up in December 2009 was very encouraging. Early detection is the best way to deal with cancer. The longer you wait, the less chance you have surviving. At 58, I love life & people! Being a champion dancer I've gone to hundreds of Pow Wows over the last 24 years. To ride my Mountain Bike 9 months out of the year is one of my greatest thrills. My Indian arts and crafts, regalia and dance will be my legacy with this tribe. Down the road, things will change, but for now, I enjoy every day!

Mary Bowers' Fight Continues



Tribal Council Recording Secretary Janine M. Sam announced on Wednesday the 10th of March that Mary Bower will not be returning to her work with Council. Here is Janine's message:

"Good Morning: It is with the saddest heart that I send this message to let you know that Mary Bower will not be returning to her position. She had originally intended to return to work in February, but had met with other difficulties.

She is doing very well, and she continues her experimental treatments in Detroit. She is still a beacon of hope for many afflicted with Inflammatory Breast Cancer, as her treatments are yielding very good medical progress in the treatment of this disease. She looks great, and has recently received confirmation that her cancer has not spread to other organs, which was very GREAT news to us! Although we will miss her, the Creator has a bigger "Job" for her in the fight against this disease, and providing other alternative treatments to others as well.

Those wanting to wish her well can always call, send a card, or email her. I took the liberty of including her email address on this message. She will be missed here at work, but I'm sure will come down to heckle the Tribal Council from her place in the audience once in a while! □ "

We all wish Mary Creator's Blessings and wish her well in her recovery.

marybower30@yahoo.com



Congratulations to Gabriel Memberto who scored 5 goals for the Onondaga Thunder Hockey Team in the Central City New York Tournament February 6-7. This was Gabriels' first 'Hat Trick' in the Squirt Division this year. Good Work Gabriel! Love Dad, Michelle, Grandma, Mom and the entire Memberto crew.

Congratulations to Christopher Varenhorst, Information Technology Technician of extraordinary caliber.

In January 2010 Mr. Christopher Varenhorst completed the academic requirements for a Bachelor of Information Technology and Security.

It is also noted that Christopher completed his degree as Magna Cum Laude with the appropriate Honors that accompanies such title!

Christopher ... Well Done!

George D. Le Vasseur
Information Technology Director



Happy Birthday to my brother Paul Willis, March 10th and to my Sisters - Trisha Snyder - March 25th and Mary Thomas - March 31st. From your loving sister Diane Lonn.

Belated Birthday Wishes to my brother David Schultz, February 26. Sorry, I missed this most Important Birthday.

Happy Birthday wishes to our son Mike Lonn - March 3. May you have many more.

Also belated Birthday wishes to our Daughter Jennifer Noffe, February 28th. Love Mom and Dad Lonn

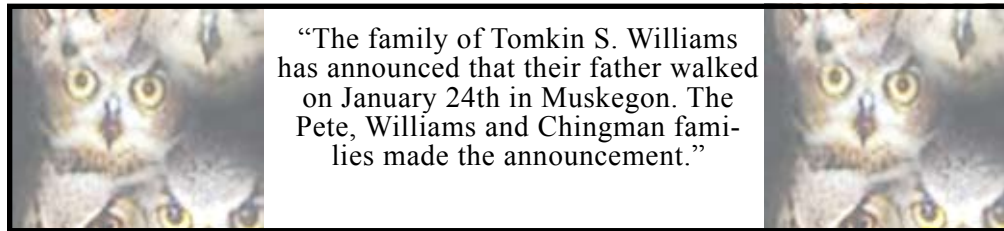
Attention Elders

Human Resources would like to thank Elders who have served on past interviews.

We would like to invite other interested Elders to please sign up.

Please call 1-888-723-8288 and ask for ext. 6704

Human Resources Department



"The family of Tomkin S. Williams has announced that their father walked on January 24th in Muskegon. The Pete, Williams and Chingman families made the announcement."

LRBOI Tribal Member Business Websites

Pet Cremation Services & Memorial Products Store
(Traverse City, MI) www.GLPetMemorial.com

FREE Pet Memorial Websites - www.UnforgottenPets.com

Custom Urns & Burial Marker Sales Online - www.USAPetMemorials.com

Traverse Area Builder - Specializing in Garages & Pole Buildings (Traverse City, MI)
www.TraverseBuilder.com

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38th Annual Dance For Mother Earth Pow Wow
Date: April 10th & 11th
Location: Saline Middle School - Saline, MI (just

South Of Ann Arbor)
Master of Ceremonies: Sandon Jacobs
Head Veteran: George Martin
Head Dancers: Marcus Winchester, Janis Fairbanks, Bleu Bird, and Julie George
Host Drum: Smokeytown
Invited Drums: Kingbird and Tha Tribe
Hosted By: The Native American Student Association at the University of Michigan
For more information go to: www.umich.edu/

~powwow/ or contact: powwow_committee@yahoo.com



Dennis King
Missy Renner

The Historic Preservation department would like to hold a meeting with interested persons that would like to voluntarily assist in the planning of the Jiingtamok for this July.

As such a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 10th of March at 5:33 PM at the Historic Preservation offices.
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One of our great Natural Resources crew has recently been diagnosed with a serious illness. Bob Sanders is working with his doctors now to determine the exact course of treatment that will help him get back on his feet. In the meantime, the government employees led by the Grants and Members Assistance Departments brought together a Valentine's Day fundraiser for Bob that culminated in a great luncheon at the Community Center.

The luncheon theme was a Chili Cook-off and there were five contestants: Lee Ivinson, Melissa Waitner, Linda Wissner, Amber Moore and Marcella Leusby. After everyone sampled the great chili, the one brought by Lee was voted as the best one at the table. Congrats to Lee!

Part of the fundraiser activity was the drawing for a Valentines' Basket. Executive Branch employees and Tribal Council members contributed to make some wonderful baskets. They ended up with four baskets and an extra prize of a hat and gift certificate. Winners were: Spring Leusby- Hat and gift certificate; Darin Griffith-Basket; Jessica LeDoux-Basket; Melissa Waitner-Basket and Laura Wagoosh - Basket.

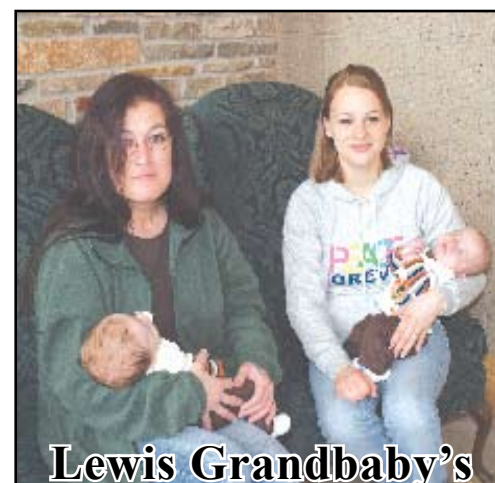
Volunteers working on the raffle included Mary Thomas, Spring Leusby, Michelle Lucas, Lee Ivinson, Marcella Leusby, Angie Willis, Bonnie Harnish - Ticket Sales. The luncheon was prepared by Melissa Waitner, Linda Wissner, Amber Moore, Lee's Mom, Felisa Moore and Lee Ivinson.

Lee put out a "Big Thanks" to her staff members Linda Wissner and Amber Moore. She says they always do a wonderful job during a staff luncheon; they are fun and work hard to make sure everything is just right!

Also a "Big Thanks" to Ben Hamilton and his staff for set up of the community center, purchasing last minute supplies and handling the clean up. Ben Hamilton even brought in his Wii game and some of the employees shot hoops before lunch was ready to be served. Fun Stuff!

The total amount raised was \$788 and Ogema Romanelli chipped in to round it off to \$800.

Bob and his family are in all our prayers! He could not attend the luncheon so NR Director Jimmie Mitchell got everyone together for a group photo which he is going to e-mail to Bob.



Jimmie capturing the moment





Megwa Ezhiweback

Namehine-Giizis (Sucker Moon)
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Elder Wii Bowling

The CHRs from the Tribal Health Clinic have brought Wii bowling to the Community Center! Starting early in February, Elders began gathering on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. to compete in Wii bowling. The fun program is growing nicely as more and more Elders join in.

Elder Del Peters said that it didn't matter if you knew how to play this computer based game, that, "...there are always folks here who will help you learn. It's great fun!"

The spirited group of Elders has also issued an Elder team Wii Bowling challenge to both the Ogema and the Tribal Council. Word is that it will be quite a 'tournament' when they get together! Your Currents will have coverage! Plans are to add more days for bowling if there are enough people interested. For more information, contact your CHR or Trish or Holly at the Health Clinic.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, Michigan 49660

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Or Current Resident



Vendors Wanted

For the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

15th Annual Jiingtamok
July 3 & 4, 2010

Applications are now available at the Historic Preservation office located at 294 River Street in Manistee. To request an application by mail or for more information:

Email: Vchandler@lrboi.com
(231) 723-8288, ext. 6895

Toll-free 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895.

Hope to see you there!